House District 34

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PLACE OF BIRTH: Sitka

OCCUPATION: Public policy analyst, writer, student

LENGTH OF RESIDENCY IN ALASKA: 23

ALASKAN COMMUNITIES LIVED IN:

Sitka, 1989-present (2012)

EDUCATION:

Sitka High School, 2003-2007 Yale University, 2008-2012

BUSINESS AND PROFESSIONAL POSITIONS:

Principal, Rosca Professional Services (consulting)

SPECIAL INTERESTS:

Music, outdoors, running, public policy

OTHER:

Freelance journalist (Alaska Public Radio Network); Coordinator, TEDxSitka; Coordinator, Sitka Fellows Program; Coordinator, Baranof Island glaciology research project; Coordinator, Ojos del Salado mountaineering research project

STATEMENT:

I'm running for the Alaska House of Representatives. I'm running because I was born and raised here and I care about Southeast and the people that live here. This is and will always be home, and I care about the future of our region.

Politics should be about people and being an advocate for people's needs. To me, being a representative means meeting everyone that comes to your office, returning every call within 24 hours, visiting every community in the district multiple times a year. Being a representative means working just as hard for communities that vote against you as for those that vote for you.

I believe in the politics of humility: good ideas are good ideas no matter where they come from, and good people are good people no matter what party they belong to. I'm running as an Alaskan, not as a Democrat or a Republican; I believe bipartisanship and civility are as important to our politics as salmon and oil are to our economy.

I believe in the fundamentals: basic infrastructure, education, natural resources, and protecting the subsistence way of life. I love ideas and engineering solutions to problems. Why not a mileage plan for the ferry system -- "Frequent Floaters," say?

I'm 23 years old, and think my perspective is an asset: a conservative, long-term mindset, oriented towards generations of Alaskans beyond my own. I care about Southeast Alaska and I believe in the future. I'm honored to have the opportunity to earn your vote.

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